

REMARKS

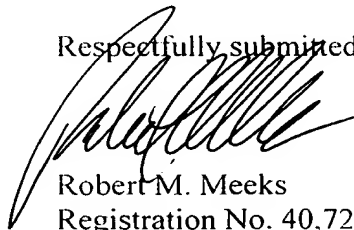
Applicant appreciates the detailed examination evidenced by the "Office Action" mailed June 23, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"), the allowance of Claims 20, 21, 30, 31, and 36-42, and the indication that Claims 33-35 recited patentable subject matter. Applicant has amended the Abstract and Claims 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 38 and 40-42 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has amended independent Claim 32 to incorporate the recitations of Claim 33 and has canceled Claim 33, thus placing Claims 32, 34 and 35 in condition for allowance. Applicant requests entry of these amendments, as they introduce no new matter, raise no new issues and place the claims in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Applicant also notes that page one of the examiner-initialed copies of Form PTO-1449 filed with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated January 18, 2001 (copy enclosed) did not accompany the Office Action dated June 23, 2005. Page two was initialed and accompanied the present Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner acknowledge consideration of the references cited on page one by return of a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



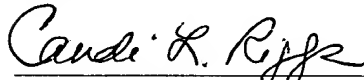
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